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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/697,333

Examiner

LAMONT M. SPOONER

Applicant(s)

HARIK ET AL.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment filed 6/3/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7,9-19,21,22,24-32 and 41.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Introduction

1. This office action is in response to applicant's claims filed 6/3/09. Claims 1-7, 9-19, 21, 22, 24-32 and 41 are currently pending and have been examined.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul A. Harrity on 9/10/09.

In claim 30, line 5, delete "at least some of".

In claim 30, line 7, replace "endings associated" with - -endings, associated- -.

In claim 30 line 8, replace "where the sentence endings include" with - -as- -.

In claim 30, line 9, delete "the at least some of".

In claim 30, line 11, replace "endings, where" with - endings and a location at which the text fragment occurs within the located sentences, where- -.

In claim 31, line 4, delete "at least a portion of".

In claim 31, lines 5 and 6, delete "the at least a portion of".

In claim 31, line 7, replace "completions associated" with - completions, associated- -

In claim 31, lines 7 and 8, replace "where the sentence completions include" with - as- -.

In claim 31, line 8 and 9, delete "the at least a portion of".

In claim 31, line 11, replace "completions, and" with - completions, assign scores to the sentence completions based, at least in part, on a measure of popularity associated with the sentence completions and a location within the located sentences at which the text fragment occurs, and- -.

In claim 31, line 13, replace "fragment." with - fragment based, at least in part, on the scores.- - .

In claim 41, line 5, delete "at least a portion of".

In claim 41, line 6, delete "the at least the portion of".

In claim 41, line 9, delete "the at least the portion of".

In claim 41, line 12, replace “completion, and” with - - completion, assign scores to the sentence completions based, at least in part, on a measure of popularity associated with the sentence completions and a location within the identified sentences at which the fragment of text occurs, and- -.

In claim 41, line 14, replace “fragment of text.” with - -fragment of text based, at least in part, on the scores.- -.

Cancel claims 43, 44 and 45.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-7, 9-19, 20, 21, 24-32 and 41 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The instant application is deemed to be directed to a non-obvious improvement over the invention patented in Shanahan et al. (Shanahan, US 6,820,075) in view of Goodwin et al. (Goodwin, US 7,200,592).

Shanahan teaches automatic sentence completion of text fragments and Goodwin teaches scoring a document, including sentences, based on the location of matches, his beginning and end of the document).

However, neither Shanahan or Goodwin, alone or in combination teaches:

Regarding claim 1, **determining**, using a processor associated with the one or more server or client devices, **sentence endings** as **text** that is **located within the identified sentences between the text fragment and an end of the identified sentences**, **assigning**, using a processor associated with the one or more server or client devices, **scores to the sentence endings** based, at least in part, **on a location within the identified sentences at which the text fragment occurs**, outputting using a processor associated with the one or more server or client devices, the sentence endings as potential completions for the text fragment **based**, at least in part, **on the scores**.

Regarding claim 30, means for identifying sentence endings, associated with the located sentences, as **text** that is located within the located sentences **between the text fragment and an end of the located sentences**,

means for **assigning scores to the sentence endings** based, at least in part, on a measure **of popularity associated with the sentence endings and a location at which the text fragment**

occurs within the located sentences, where the measure of popularity associated with one of the sentence endings is based, at least in part, on a number of times that the one of the sentence endings occurs within the documents; and means for presenting the sentence endings as potential completions for the text fragment **based**, at least in part, **on the scores**.

Regarding claim 31, determine sentence completions, associated with the located sentences, as **text** that is **located within the located sentences between the text fragment and an end of the located sentences**, trim one of the sentence completions by dropping one or more words from the one of the sentence completions, **assign scores to the sentence completions** based, at least in part, on a measure of popularity associated with the sentence completions **and a location within the located sentences at which the text fragment occurs**, and provide a plurality of the sentence completions including the trimmed sentence completion as potential completions for the text fragment **based, at least in part, on the scores**.

Regarding claim 41, identify sentences within the documents that include the fragment of text, **determine sentence completions**

as text located within the identified sentences between the fragment of text and an end of the identified sentences, merge at least two of the sentence completions to form a single merged sentence completion, assign scores to the sentence completions based, at least in part, on a measure of popularity associated with the sentence completions and a location within the identified sentences at which the fragment of text occurs, and provide a plurality of the sentence completions, including the merged sentence completion, as potential completions for the fragment of text **based, at least in part, on the scores**.

4. Claims 2-7, 9-19, 20, 21, 24-29, and 32 depend from their respective allowed independent claims and thus are also deemed allowable.
5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Hutchings (US 4,994,966) teaches determining the proper ending of a sentence.
- Abe et al. (US 6,173,253) teaches automatic sentence correction including corpus word count.
- Anderson (5,678,053) teaches automatic corrections thus word prediction in a sentence.
- Golding et al. (US 5,956,739) teaches automatic text correction and word completion.
- Burrows (US 6,963,869) teaches nesting and merging fields including paragraphs with respect to co-occurring matching word found in documents.
- Simonyi (US 2007/0150469) teaches a score of a matching segment found in a particular location of a string.
- King et al. (US 5,953,541) teaches predictive text entry based on disambiguation a key sequence.

- Balakrishnan et al. (US 5,952,942) teaches word prediction based on reduced keypad text entry.
- Kantrowitz et al. (US 6,618,697) teaches phrase completion.
- Kawaguchi et al. (US 5,757,983) teaches sorting and merging information.
- Laux (US 2001/0004737) teaches a merging driver for information and autocompletion of a query.
- Pazandak et al. (US 7,027,975) teaches a language interface with sentence completion list.
- Ferrell (US 5,885,083) teaches automatic sentence completion determination.
- Newsom et al. (US 2003/0232312) teaches presenting sentence completions to users.
- Williams et al. (US 2004/0153975) teaches text entry prediction and scoring.
- Miller et al. (US 5,896,321) teaches word prediction, and word count/popularity based prediction.
- Chua (US 2004/0183833) teaches a word score and predictive word input technology.

- Pun et al. (US 2003/0023426) teaches a predictive text system including ranking/scoring the predictive text.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAMONT M. SPOONER whose telephone number is (571)272-7613. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on 571/272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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